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## MEMORANDUM

BUREAU OF NARCOTICS

DISTRICT NO. 16

"THAILAND"

CASE FILE NO.		GEN. FILE TITLE:	
REPORT MADE	RELATED FILES	OTHER OFFICERS	
AT: Bangkok, Thailand DATE: September 16, 1966			
BY: Albert Habib Narcotic Agent			
SUBJECT OF THIS MEMORANDUM		RECOMMENDATION	
Opium traffic between Thailand and Vietnam		PENDING: CLOSE: FURTHER INVESTIGATION: XXX	

DETAILS (if report is over two pages in length summarize in first paragraph)

1. Reference is made to my memorandum report # 2864, dated September 2, 1966. Specific reference made to paragraph # 9 regarding the seizure of 250 kilos of opium made by the Vietnamese Military Security Services.
2. On Tuesday September 6, 1966 I traveled to Saigon, Vietnam, and upon my arrival I checked with the Saigon Municipal Police, The Vietnamese National Police, the Vietnamese Customs Agency, the US Customs Advisers USAID, C.I.A., OSI, and CID. None of the above mentioned agencies have heard of any opium seizure made in Saigon in the past month. (I did not check with the Vietnamese MSS not wanting to show that I had any doubt in Mr TAM's information). (It is very possible that MSS had seized the 250 kilos of opium and are keeping quiet in order not to arouse suspicion of the VietCong organization in Saigon).
3. On September 8, 1966 I conferred with Mr Lucide C.I.A. in Saigon. I reported to Mr Lucide the information I obtained in Bangkok, and told him that the Vietnamese had now 2 tons of opium and wanted our cooperation. Mr Lucide replied that his Agent that we introduced to MSS was never contacted in regard to cooperation, and as long as MSS do not contact his Agency the US Ambassador will not approve the operation.
4. On September 9, 1966 I returned to Bangkok and arranged to meet with Mr TAM. On September 12, 1966 I met Mr TAM and told him that during a short visit to Saigon, I attempted to check on the 250 kilos of opium seized but could not trace it. Mr TAM replied "please believe what I have told you, and very soon I'll be able to prove it to you". At this point I decided that it was not in our interest to continue to promise transportation that we can not furnish, and told Mr TAM that I could not provide an aircraft to transport the 2 tons of opium to Saigon. I then suggested to Mr TAM to arrange for the seizure to be made in Bangkok, and also attempted to find out the location where the opium was in Bangkok. Mr TAM refused to do this, and stated that they (the Vietnamese) will transport the 2 tons of opium to Saigon the way they transported the 250 kilos. (by boat).

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5. Mr TAM stated that this time they will seize the opium upon delivery to the VietCong organization in Saigon and arrest the persons involved immediatly. Mr TAM told me that he would like for me to accompany him to Saigon at the time of delivery seizure and arrest, stating " I like to prove to some people that I am honest and only needed help". Mr TAM told me that by not cooperating and ~~supplying~~ transportation it is going to cost the Vietnamese Government several thousand Dollars to bring this investigation to an end.

6 It is anticipated that the delivery of the 2 tons of opium will be made in 30 or 45 days.